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Applicants: **George S. Gabriel, et al.**

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Application No.: **New Application**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

Filed: **Herewith-August 4, 2006**

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM OF PROVIDING SEALED BAGS OF FLUID
AT THE CLEAN SIDE OF A LABORATORY FACILITY**

Date: **August 4, 2006**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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International Application No. PCT/2005/US2005/012114, international filing date 11 April 2005, is a counterpart to the subject application. A copy of that report is enclosed herewith.

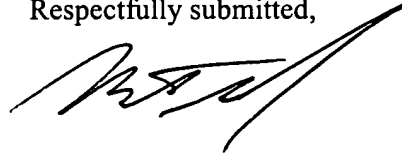
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant'(s) attorney at the number listed below.

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